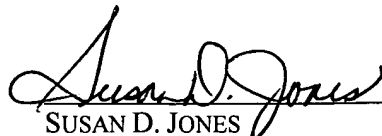




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 TITLE: "CLUSTERING STRINGS USING N-GRAMS"
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- ☐ New Application with Transmittal Letter
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- ☐ Specification Consisting of: _____ pages
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- ☐ Power of Attorney
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In re Application of:

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed October 20, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections set forth in the Office Action.

The Examiner specified a three-month shortened statutory period, so this Response is due by January 20, 2005. Therefore, this Response is considered timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims, if any, are reflected in the "Listing of Claims" which begins on page 4 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this Response.